

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of reservoir targeting, comprising:

filtering a plurality of values characterizing a reservoir ~~a plurality of values~~ in a three-dimensional model to eliminate values which are below a threshold to create a filtered three-dimensional model;

developing a first matrix from the filtered three-dimensional model representing a two-dimensional model of the reservoir, wherein the first matrix includes a plurality of cell center locations, cell areas, and the plurality of values;

developing a second matrix from the first matrix using a distance-weighted sum of the plurality of values; and

selecting target locations from the second matrix based on the distance-weighted sum of the plurality of values.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein developing the first matrix further comprises windowing one or more cells from the filtered three-dimensional model to determine a center point location with a value of interest, wherein the value of interest comprises a multiple of the radius of each of the selected target locations.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising windowing the one or more cells using a window determined based on the number of layers in the filtered three-dimensional model of the reservoir.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein filtering includes using at least one user-defined filter.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein developing the second matrix further comprises deriving a cumulative value associated with each center location using the relationship: cumulative value = (CumWeightedValue/CumWeightCuWeight) * CumWeightedArea, wherein

$$\text{CumWeightedValue} = \sum \text{cellvalue} * \text{weight},$$

$$\text{CumWeightedArea} = \sum \text{cellarea} * \text{weight}, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{CumWeight} = \sum (\text{SpacingRadius} - \frac{\text{DistanceFromCell}}{\text{DistanceFromCell}})$$

Cell)/SpacingRadius, where SpacingRadius is a user-defined value and DistanceFromCell is defined as one of the larger of an actual distance from a cell under consideration to an adjacent cell and half the diagonal cell width.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein selecting target locations includes determining whether there are existing targets for the reservoir, and if existing targets are identified, eliminating possible targets within a predetermined distance from the existing targets before selecting new targets.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein selecting target locations includes an iterative process of selecting the targets based on a first preferred value, eliminating other

targets within a predetermined ~~predetermine~~ distance from an initial target, and selecting a next preferred value for a next target location.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein selecting target locations includes an iterative process of selecting a target based on a preferred value, eliminating other targets within a predetermined ~~predetermine~~ distance from a initial target, and selecting a next preferred value for a next target location.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein selecting target locations further comprises ranking the selected target locations and displaying a user-selected percentage of the ranked target locations. ~~selecting one of a certain percentage and a certain number of targets selected.~~

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising triangulating a three-dimensional model before filtering the plurality of values.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions which when executed on a computer perform ~~for performing~~ stages comprising:

filtering a plurality of values characterizing a reservoir ~~a plurality of values~~ in a three-dimensional model to eliminate values which are below a threshold to create a filtered three-dimensional model;

developing a first matrix from the filtered three-dimensional model representing a two-dimensional model of the reservoir, wherein the first matrix includes a plurality of cell center locations, cell areas, and the plurality of values;

developing a second matrix from the first matrix using a distance-weighted sum of the plurality of values; and

selecting target locations from the second matrix based on the distance-weighted sum of the plurality of values.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein developing the first matrix further comprises windowing one or more cells from the filtered three-dimensional model to determine a center point location with a value of interest, wherein the value of interest comprises a multiple of the radius of each of the selected target locations.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, further comprising windowing the one or more cells using a window determined based on the number of layers in the filtered three-dimensional model of the reservoir.

14. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein filtering includes using at least one user-defined filter.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein developing the second matrix further comprises deriving a cumulative value associated with each center location using the relationship: cumulative value = (CumWeightedValue/CumWeight ~~CuWeight~~)

* CumWeightedArea, wherein

$$\text{CumWeightedValue} = \sum \text{cellvalue} * \text{weight},$$

$$\text{CumWeightedArea} = \sum \text{cellarea} * \text{weight}, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{CumWeight} = \sum (\text{SpacingRadius} - \frac{\text{DistanceFromCell}}{\text{DistanceFromCell}})$$

Cell)/SpacingRadius, where SpacingRadius is a user-defined value and DistanceFromCell is defined as one of the larger of an actual distance from a cell under consideration to an adjacent cell and half the diagonal cell width.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein selecting target locations includes determining whether there are existing targets for the reservoir, and if existing targets are identified, eliminating possible targets within a predetermined distance from the existing targets before selecting new targets.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein selecting target locations includes an iterative process of selecting the targets based on a first preferred value, eliminating other targets within a predetermined ~~predetermine~~ distance from an initial target, and selecting a next preferred value for a next target location.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein selecting target locations includes an iterative process of selecting a target based on a preferred value, eliminating other targets within a predetermined ~~predetermine~~ distance from a initial target, and selecting a next preferred value for a next target location.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein selecting target locations further comprises ranking the selected target locations and displaying a user-selected percentage of the ranked target locations. ~~selecting one of a certain percentage and a certain number of targets selected.~~

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising triangulating a three-dimensional model before filtering the plurality of values.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

- a user interface;
- memory storage means;
- a processor coupled to the user interface and the memory storage means, the processor operable to:
 - filter a plurality of values characterizing a reservoir in a three-dimensional model
 - to eliminate values which are below a threshold to create a filtered three-dimensional model;

develop a first matrix from the filtered three-dimensional model representing a two-dimensional model of the reservoir, wherein the first matrix includes a plurality of cell center locations, cell areas, and the plurality of values;

develop a second matrix from the first matrix using a distance-weighted sum of the plurality of values;

select target locations from the second matrix based on the distance-weighted sum of the plurality of values; and

display on the user interface the selected target locations.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the processor develops the first matrix by windowing one or more cells from the filtered three-dimensional model to determine a center point location with a value of interest, wherein the value of interest comprises a multiple of the radius of each of the selected target locations.

23. (Original) The computer system of claim 22, wherein the processor determines the windowing of the one or more cells based on the number of layers in the filtered three-dimensional model of the reservoir.

24. (Original) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the processor filters the plurality of values using at least one user-defined filter.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the processor develops the second matrix by deriving a cumulative value associated with each center location using the relationship: $\text{cumulative value} = (\text{CumWeightedValue} / \text{CumWeight}) * \text{CumWeightedArea}$, wherein

$$\text{CumWeightedValue} = \sum \text{cellvalue} * \text{weight},$$

$$\text{CumWeightedArea} = \sum \text{cellarea} * \text{weight}, \text{ and}$$

$\text{CumWeight} = \sum (\text{SpacingRadius} - \frac{\text{DistanceFromCell}}{\text{SpacingRadius}})$, where SpacingRadius is a user-defined value and DistanceFromCell is defined as one of the larger of an actual distance from a cell under consideration to an adjacent cell and half the diagonal cell width.

26. (Original) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the processor selects target locations by determining whether there are existing targets for the reservoir, and if existing targets are identified, eliminating possible targets within a predetermined distance from the existing targets before selecting new targets.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the processor selects target locations using an iterative process of selecting the targets based on a first preferred value, eliminating other targets within a predetermined ~~predetermine~~ distance from an initial target, and selecting a next preferred value for a next target location.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the processor selects target locations using an iterative process of selecting a target based on a preferred value, eliminating other targets within a predetermined ~~predetermine~~ distance from a initial target, and selecting a next preferred value for a next target location.

29. (Original) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the computing platform triangulates a three-dimensional model before filtering the plurality of values.

30. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the cumulative value comprises at least one accumulated value.

31. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the cumulative value comprises at least one accumulated value.

32. (New) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the cumulative value comprises at least one accumulated value.